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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: SRI LANKA MEMBERSHIP ON NON-
ALIGNED INFORMATION COUNCIL

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1. EMBASSY COLOMBO WAS SURPRISED TO SEE SRI LANKA ATTENDING
TUNIS MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL ON
INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA. WE HAD BEEN INFORMED LAST YEAR
BY OFFICIAL OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT

GSL HAD FOREGONE MEMBERSHIP ON THIS COMMITTEE, JUDGING THAT
IT WAS ALREADY OVERLOADED WITH NON-ALIGNED COMMITTEE WORK,
AS PAST HOST OF NAM SUMMIT.

2. SAME OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US NOW THAT SRI LANKA WAS CO-OPTED
AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER SOMETIME AFTER ORIGINAL FIFTEEN-
MEMBER COMMITTEE HAD BEEN APPOINTED. HE OFFERED NO
FURTHER INFORMATION, AND WE FIND OURSELVES CURIOUS AS TO
WHY AND BY WHOM GSL WAS PRESSED TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE, IN
LIGHT OF ITS EXPRESSED DISINTEREST AND DISINCLINATION
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TO GET INVOLVED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ANY OF
ADDRESSEES COULD THROW LIGHT ON THIS FOR US. SO FAR
AS WE ARE AWARE, SRI LANKA HAS LITTLE OR NOTHING TO
CONTRIBUTE ON THE SUBJECT OF A NON-ALIGNED NEWS POOL.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT SRI LANKA'S ONLY REPRESENTATIVE
AT TUNIS WAS RIDGEWAY TILAKARATNE, SECRETARY OF MIN

INFORMATION AND CHAIRMAN, SL BORADCASTING CORPORATION
UNACCOMPANIED BY ANYONE FROM FONMIN. AS SUCH IT MIGHT
BE CONSIDERED PRIMARILY AN EXERCISE BY THE FLAMBOYANT
TILAKWFATNE, WHO HAD ATTENDED PRIVIOUS TUNIS
CONFERENCE AND NEW DELHI CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION
MINISTERS ON SIMILAR SUBJECTS.
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